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SUBJECT: VISA FOR ITALIAN COMMUNIST OFFICIAL - SERGIO SEGRE

1. ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DAILY L'UNITA SEPTEMBER 19 SUMMARIZES ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ON THE COMMUNIST VISA ISSUE. THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE IS QUOTED AS REPORTING THAT PCI FOREIGN SECTION CHIEF SEGRE HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS BUT THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL PARTICIPATE. THE SUMMARY ADDS THAT A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS INDICATED THAT NO DECISION ON ISSUING A VISA TO SEGRE HAS BEEN MADE SINCE HE HAS NOT YET APPLIED FOR A VISA.

2. THE LOS ANGELES TIMES IS QUOTED AS BEING CRITICAL OF ANY OFFICIAL US DECISION TO DENY A VISA TO SEGRE. IN THE OPINION OF THE NEWSPAPER, DENYING A VISA WOULD CONSTITUTE THE USE OF OLD TECHNIQUES WHICH HAVE A PAST RECORD OF FAILURE.

3. L'UNITA CONCLUDES ITS COVERAGE OF THE SUBJECT WITH THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL STATEMENT: "WE HAVE REPORTED THESE OPINIONS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE LOS ANGELES TIMES BECAUSE THEY SEEMED SIGNIFICANT. AS FOR THE FACTS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMRADE SEGRE HAS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, BUT UNTIL THE PRESENT MOMENT HE HAS NOT PRESENTED A REQUEST FOR A VISA." VOLPE

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